

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 914

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Habitat for Humanity upon the building of its 3000<sup>th</sup> home in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those exemplary organizations that work with purpose and conviction to improve the quality of life for the citizens of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity (HFH) is one such outstanding organization that has remained true to its worthy mission of building homes for families who are living in unacceptable conditions; and

WHEREAS, HFH is a Christian housing ministry dedicated to helping eliminate substandard housing; through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials from individuals, corporations, government, faith groups, and others, Habitat works in partnership with people in need to build simple, decent, affordable homes; and

WHEREAS, HFH Partner Families learn valuable life lessons and practical skills by completing homeowner counseling classes and investing hours of "sweat equity" by helping with construction; and

WHEREAS, Appalachia Habitat is not only the first Habitat affiliate in Tennessee, but the second Habitat affiliate in the world; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Appalachia HFH have served their friends and neighbors with acumen, dedication, and compassion since 1978 and have recently celebrated HFH's 3000<sup>th</sup> house built in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the groundbreaking ceremony for this milestone construction was held on March 17, 2010, in Robbins; and

WHEREAS, the 3000<sup>th</sup> house is being built in memory of Carol Mount Peterson, who was the Senior Vice President and Director of Housing and Community Investment at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati (FHLBank); she was instrumental in helping provide decent and affordable housing to thousands of families through her twenty years of overseeing housing and economic development programs at over 740 FHLBank member financial institutions in Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the worthy and grateful recipient of the 3000<sup>th</sup> house is Wanda Brewster, who lost her home of over twenty-five years to a fire and who will greatly benefit from the ADA accessibility of her new home; and

WHEREAS, for more than three decades, the fifty-one affiliates of Habitat for Humanity in Tennessee have selflessly and generously performed vital work that has touched the lives of thousands of people by providing them with a decent place to live; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate the staff and volunteers of Habitat for Humanity upon the building of its 3000<sup>th</sup> home in Tennessee and commend their hard work, dedication, and loyalty in making Tennessee an even better place to live.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.